in an escrow account with the National Bank of Southern California ("Escrow Agent''). Pending release of offering proceeds to the Series, the Escrow Agent will deposit escrowed funds in shortterm United States Government securities, securities issued or guaranteed by the United States Government, and certificates of deposit or time or demand deposits in commercial banks. Upon receipt of a prescribed minimum amount of capital contributions for a Series, funds in escrow will be released to the Series and held by it pending investment in Local Limited Partnerships.

14. If investment opportunities may be invested in by more than one entity that the General Partner or its affiliates advises or manages, the decisions as to the particular entity that will be allocated the investment will be based upon such factors as the effect of the acquisition on diversification of each entity's portfolio, the estimated income tax effects of the purchase on each entity, the amount of funds of each entity available for investment, and the length of time such funds have been available for investment. Priority generally will be given to the entity having uninvested funds for the longest period of time. However, (a) any entity that was formed to invest primarily in apartment complexes eligible only for Federal low income housing credits will be given priority with respect to any investment that is not eligible for California low income housing credits, and (b) any entity that was formed to invest primarily in apartment complexes eligible for California low income housing credits as well as for Federal credits will be given priority with respect to any investment that is eligible for the California credits.

Applicants' Legal Analysis

1. Applicants believe that the Fund and its Series will not be "investment companies" under sections 3(a)(1) or 3(a)(3) of the Act. If the Fund and its Series are deemed to be investment companies, however, applicants request an exemption under section 6(c) from all provisions of the Act.

2. Section 3(a)(1) of the Act provides that an issuer is an "investment company" if it is or holds itself out as being engaged primarily, or proposes to engage primarily, in the business of investing, reinvesting, or trading in securities. Applicants, however, believe that the Partnership will not be an investment company under section 3(a)(1) because the Partnership will be in the business of investing in and being beneficial owner or apartment complexes, not securities.

3. Section 3(a)(3) of the Act provides that an issuer is an "investment company" if it is engaged or proposes to engage in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding, or trading in securities, and owns or proposes to acquire "investment securities" having a value exceeding 40% of the value of such issuer's total assets (exclusive of Government securities and cash items). Applicants, however, believe that the Local Limited Partnership interests should not be considered "investment securities" because those interests are not readily marketable, have no value apart from the value of the apartment complexes owned by the Local Limited Partnerships, and cannot be sold without severe adverse tax consequences.

4. Applicants believe that the two-tier structure is consistent with the purposes and criteria set forth in the SEC's release concerning two-tier real estate partnerships (the "Release").1 The Release states that investment companies that are two-tier real estate partnerships that invest in limited partnerships engaged in the development and operation of housing for low and moderate income persons may qualify for an exemption from the Act pursuant to section 6(c). Section 6(c) provides that the SEC may exempt any person from any provision of the Act and any rule thereunder, if, and to the extent that, such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

5. The Release lists two conditions, designed for the protection of investors, which must be satisfied by two-tier partnerships to qualify for the exemption under section 6(c). First, interests in the issuer should be sold only to persons for whom investments in limited profit, essentially tax-shelter, investments would not be unsuitable. Second, requirements for fair dealing by the general partner of the issuer with the limited partners of the issuer should be included in the basic organizational documents of the company.

6. Applicants assert, among other things, that the suitability standards set forth in the application, the requirements for fair dealing provided by the Partnership Agreement, and pertinent governmental regulations imposed on each Local Limited Partnership by various Federal, state, and local agencies provide protection to investors in Units comparable to that provided by the Act. In addition,

applicants assert that the requested exemption is both necessary and appropriate in the public interest.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of May 5, 1997.

A closed meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 1997, at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a) (4), (8), (9)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Johnson, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Monday, May 5, 1997, at 10:30 a.m., will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions.

Institution of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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